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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8293

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL LAHORE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PINS, IN

SUBJ: INDIAN AIRLINES HIJACKING: FOREIGN PASSENGERS

1. IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY FOREIGN PASSENGERS, PAN AM HASSOUGHT TO DETERMINE FROM INDIAN AIRLINES WHETHER ANY PASSENGERS ON HIJACKED PLANE HAD BEEN TRAVELING ON PAN AM OR OTHER US AIRLINE TICKETS AND IF SO, WHERE TICKET ISSUED. NOT SURPRISINGLY, POLICE HAVE SIMILAR PURPOSES IN MIND AND HAVE TAKEN ALL COUPONS PULLED FROM BOARDING PASSENGERS.

2. PAN AM EP REPORTS NONETHELESS THAT BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO INDIAN AIRLINES IS THAT 28 OF PASSENGERS WERE FOREIGN NATIONALS, OF WHICH 15 GERMANS, ONE AMERICAN AND ONE BRITISH. NATIONALITY OF ELEVEN OTHER FOREIGNERS NOT KNOWN BY THESE SOURCES.

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3. FOR KATHMANDU: THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE WE HAVE
LEARNED THAT A PASSENGER ON HIJACKED PLANE IDENTI-
FIED AS G. SPINNER WAS RETICKETED BY PAN AM OFFICE
IN KATHMANDU SEPTEMBER 8 OR 9. SPINNER ORIGINATED IN
WASHINGTON (DATE UNKNOWN) AND FROM TRAVEL THROUGH
KATHMANDU, BENARES AND ON HIJACED DOMESTIC INDIAN
FLIGHT SEEMED TO BE ON TOURIST ROUTING. PAN AM HERE
HAS TELEXED ITS KATHMANDU OFFICE BUT HAS NOT YET RE-
CEIVED REPLY. REQUEST YOU CONTACT THAT OFFICE DIR-
ECTLY AND REPORT ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON
SKINNER DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON, INFO NEW DELHI AND
OTHER ADDRESSEES.
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